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COUNCIL'S POLICY SHARPLY SCORED

Committee's Failure to Provide Weather Bureau Site Attacked by Citizens.

MUST ACT QUICKLY OR LOSE BUILDING

Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Club Producers, Showing That Matter Has Been on Docket Since August Meeting.

URGENT protests from the commercial and business organizations of the city, acting in complete unanimity, against the dilatory methods and lack of interest shown by the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings in regard to providing a site for the government weather station, may result in a call for a special meeting of the Council, in which the committee may be discharged from further consideration of the matter and the site provided by act of Council. The Grounds and Buildings Committee has had the matter before it in one form or another for five months, without making any apparent effort to bring it to a conclusion. Weather Director Evans having appeared before the August meeting with a clear statement of the government's offer in case the city law fit to take advantage of the opportunity to bring the weather station here.

Mr. Evans has stated positively that unless conclusive action is taken by December 17th—next Thursday—the Bureau will go elsewhere.

Pending Since August.
The situation is just this: The last session of Congress made an appropriation of \$125,000 for the erection of seven weather stations at points to be determined by officials of the Weather Bureau at Washington. Fifty-six cities, scattered from Maine to California, at once made application for one of these stations, each offering to provide a site.

Richmond was not among the applicants, no one showing sufficient interest to ask the location of this important government department here. Mr. Evans, in charge of this section, interested Congressmen John Lamb, and through their united efforts, Richmond was chosen as one of the sites, \$18,000 being set apart for the erection of a building, the city to provide a site. Mr. Evans explained all this to the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings last August, but the committee side-tracked the matter until it expired by limitation on September 1st.

Weather officials selected a small plot of ground west of Third Street, adjoining Gamble's Hill Park, overlooking the river, as the most available location, and after the organization of the new Council, in September, the proposition was reintroduced, and has since been pending in the Committee on Grounds and Buildings without constructive action or any recommendation to the Council.

Director Evans said yesterday that the city of Birmingham, Ala., besides making an application for one of the buildings, had offered an attractive site and appropriated \$4,000 to put the grounds in proper condition.

Business Men Take Action.
Resolutions were adopted yesterday by the board of directors of the Business Men's Club expressing most emphatically the hope that the City Council of Richmond would speedily come to an agreement with the officials of the Weather Bureau regarding the site of the building, and declaring that the club would greatly deplore having the Weather Bureau removed from Richmond. A copy of the resolutions was sent to each member of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, with a request for urgent and immediate consideration.

The Chamber of Commerce took similar action on Thursday, endorsing the proposal to establish the bureau on Gamble's Hill, appointing a strong committee to investigate the causes of delay and inaction, and to bring the matter before the Council in the strongest light.

Plans for the proposed building have already been drawn in the office of the Supervising Architect, in Washington, and call for a handsome two-story building, of a solid, dignified, and monumental type, which would be an ornament to that side of the park, and shut off an objectionable outlook toward the State Penitentiary and the bottom between.

Chairman Says.
Mr. Robert Whittier, chairman of the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings, said last night that the matter had been before that body for some time, but that no conclusive action had been taken.

The committee meets in regular session on Thursday night, December 17th, he said, "and at that time an opportunity will be given to all those favoring or opposing the project to be heard. A protest signed by ten or twelve residents of South Third Street is pending before the committee, and some of these people have asked a hearing. I understand that the principal objector is Mrs. Alice Boswell, of No. 322 South Third Street, whose side windows look out across the park and whose view may be cut off more or less, although the building will stand thirty or more feet from the wall. I do not know how far those who signed the protest are owners or renters of property."

Mr. Whittier said he had seen no reason for calling a special meeting prior to the regular meeting of the committee, on the 17th.

Unless heroic steps are taken the fight is lost, since even if the committee takes favorable action on Thursday night, it would not, under ordinary conditions, go to the Council until January 4th, and to the Board of Aldermen on January 12th. If the usual cumbersome methods of legislation are pursued, the weather station will be erected and in use in some other city before Richmond's Council can act on a resolution allowing the use of public land for a public building.

Not only are the commercial organizations of the city, but the

GREAT IDEA

Southerners Enthusiastic Over a Permanent Waterway.
NEW YORK, December 11.—John M. Parker, a wealthy cotton planter, tonight was brimful of enthusiasm about the project for a permanent Southern Commercial Congress in Washington.

"Given in this big city of ideas," he said, "this idea is going to be the biggest thing that has ever struck the South, and I am confident that it will go through."

"I was elected President of the Commercial Congress of the South at a meeting I said we should get one thousand men to put up \$1,000 each to be life members of the Southern Club, which will be the Washington headquarters of the congress."

About \$25,000 was pledged, but Mr. Parker is waiting to see the effect of his plan is to have each Southern State make a permanent exhibit and to have a great building, where information about the waterway could be obtained, so that the resources may be developed.

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Mr. Parker belongs to the credit Waterway Association, Governor Deane, of Illinois, and Governor Johnson, of Minnesota. Governors of the various States and other advocates of a deep-water canal were heard by the committee, and the subject was discussed at length.

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LAKES TO GULF

Senate Committee Hears Advocates of Project—No Action Taken.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—The Senate Committee on Commerce today heard the advocates of the project for a permanent waterway connecting the Gulf of Mexico with the Atlantic Ocean, consisting of W. K. Kavanaugh, president of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway Association, and Governor Deane, of Illinois, and Governor Johnson, of Minnesota. Governors of the various States and other advocates of a deep-water canal were heard by the committee, and the subject was discussed at length.

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EXCHANGE MEN

Blue Jackets From Norfolk to Replace Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—Seven hundred blue jackets are to be taken from Norfolk to Colon on the cruiser *Prairie* for transshipment to Panama. The blue jackets are men and vacancies on the Pacific fleet, which is due to arrive at Panama tomorrow from Empala and La Union. The blue jackets are 120 men and 120 marine aboard the fleet will be detached at Panama and sent across the Isthmus and brought home by the *Prairie*.

Anticipating that large parties of men from Admiral Swinburn's Pacific fleet will be given shore leave at Panama, the Navy Department has ordered that the blue jackets be given shore leave at Panama.

"INSURGENTS" ACT

Organized Movement Against Present Rules of House of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—The fight for a revision of the rules of the House of Representatives was inaugurated tonight at a meeting of the so-called "insurgents," attended by twenty-five Republican representatives. Representative Hendrick, of Iowa, presided, and was authorized to name a committee of five, with himself as chairman, to draft the proposed amendments to the rules and report to the organization on Tuesday night.

The "insurgents" claim that in the present Congress they need to be given more power to bring about a change in the rules, while in the Sixty-first Congress they say they will need but twenty-four Republican members.

KILLED PREACHER

Slayer Is, in Turn, Fatally Wounded by His Victim.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—At the end of a brief, fierce quarrel over the employment of a colored laborer, Rev. G. Forest Tuttle, aged fifty, was shot and instantly killed near there today by Warren Bailey, aged twenty-one, who, as he shot, was being held by the preacher and lies unconscious with a broken skull, himself near to death.

A negro, whom Rev. Tuttle had employed, went to the latter's home, quarreled with him and the fight followed. It is stated by an eye-witness that Bailey fired while the iron wedge was in the air after having been hurled by the Rev. Tuttle. The preacher leaves a large family.

RECEIVES GIFTS

Mrs. Roosevelt Accepts Hindenburg's Gifts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—Mrs. Roosevelt today received the gifts which were brought from China by Special Chinese Ambassador Tong Shao Yi. They consist of a very handsome tiger skin, lined with yellow silk, and said to be one of the largest in existence; bolts of beautiful silk, sables and silver.

The gifts were in six large packages, and were taken to the White House by Yung Kwai, one of the secretaries of the special embassy sent by the late Emperor of China to thank President Roosevelt and the American government for the remission of a large portion of the Boxer indemnity.

BLOCKADE CONTINUES

Government of Netherlands Has No Intention of Being Negligent.

WILLEMSTADT, CURACAO, December 11.—The government of the Netherlands had no intention of being negligent in the matter of blockade of the Venezuelan coast, inaugurated by three of its warships last week.

The battleship *Jacob Van Heemskerck* and the cruiser *Gelderland* left here this morning at 11 o'clock for Venezuelan waters. They have been cleared for action. It is believed that they will demonstrate off La Guaira. Furthermore, they probably will begin seizing Venezuelan merchant vessels, thus putting a stop to the trade between Venezuelan ports.

A clash between the warships and the coastal forts of Venezuela is expected to follow a final action, because the government at Caracas has expressed its intention of firing on the Dutch ships at the first "unfriendly act."

WILL REFER IT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

Speaker Cannon Says What He Will Do With Resolution.

ASKS BIG BOND ISSUE FOR THE WATERWAYS

National Rivers and Harbors Congress Adjourns After Asking Government for \$50,000,000 a Year for Ten Years—Virginia Delegation Forms Organization.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—With an enthusiastic audience, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, at its concluding session here today, by a unanimous vote placed itself on record in favor of the issuance of government bonds for the improvement of the great waterway projects of the country.

By resolution, which was one of a series adopted, the congress declared for an authorized issue by Congress at its present session of \$50,000,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used in the payment exclusively for such river and harbor work as may be authorized by Congress, provision for the issue to be similar to the Panama Canal bonds.

Later in the day a committee presented to Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon the bond resolution. Mr. Fairbanks expressed a favorable opinion of the proposition, but Mr. Cannon merely assured the committee that he would support the measure to the proper committee for consideration.

Purposes of Resolutions.
The resolutions urged on the national Congress the completion of projects heretofore approved, and the adoption of new schemes of a comprehensive character; the appointment of a committee to prepare a bill for introduction in Congress providing for the proposed bond issue; the creation of a permanent commission to study waterways projects here and abroad with a view to suggesting to Congress a comprehensive plan and policy for improving our waterways; the enlargement of the engineering corps of the army, and the utilization of the present United States assistant civil engineers with authority to propose to Congress plans and projects for waterway improvements.

Upon motion of Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, a resolution was adopted requesting the American Congress to invite the permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses to hold its twelfth annual convention in this country in 1911.

A movement was inaugurated for the establishment of permanent headquarters for the congress in this city, and to this end the Texas delegation headed the list with a pledge of \$1,000, and on behalf of Louisiana Mayor Bernham pledged his State for a similar amount. Much of the morning was taken up with the discussion of the various States chosen were: Alabama, Frank P. Glass, Montgomery; Florida, S. M. Shirkman, Tampa; Georgia, O. S. Wells, Savannah; South Carolina, J. H. G. Moore, Charleston; Tennessee, E. R. Richardson, Nashville; Virginia, R. A. Doble, Norfolk.

Virginia Organization.
The Virginia delegation to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today formed an organization entitled "The Virginia Harbors and Waterways Association," with permanent headquarters in Norfolk. R. A. Doble and George Lindsay, both of Norfolk, were elected president and secretary, respectively. The object of the association is to carry on in Virginia a similar line of work in connection with waterway projects as that now being conducted by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

It is believed that the creation of this association will permit a more effective presentation of the needs of the Old Dominion State to the national Congress. Ten vice-presidents were chosen from the various congressional districts, were also appointed.

Women Elect Officers.
At the final session today of the Women's National Rivers and Harbors Congress, officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Hoyle Tomkins, Shreveport, La.; Vice-President, Mrs. Lydia A. Williams, Washington, D. C.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Avery, Shreveport, La.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Francis Shurtlworth, Shreveport, La.; Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Ellison, Cincinnati, O.; and Auditor, Mrs. John L. Matthews, Boston, Mass.

DISCUSSING CABINET

President-Elect Taft and President Roosevelt in Important Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft had an extended conference tonight at the White House. Many matters relative to the present and the next administration were discussed, not the least important of which was the general policy regarding the Taft Cabinet. The conference began after 10 o'clock, at the conclusion of a dinner at the home of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Winthrop, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Taft.

Before the conference Mr. Taft announced that it would be a purely executive session, and that he should decline to give any details whatever aside from the advance announcement that a cabinet would be formed on the same subject.

During an interview today between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, the result of the work of the Monetary Commission was thoroughly gone over. Senator Aldrich, it was learned, is a thorough believer in the efficacy of the members of the commission, and is an enthusiastic advocate of legislation which shall place into permanent law some of the recommendations which are to be made.

George A. Knight, of California, was recommended for the position of Secretary of the Treasury by Representative Duncan B. McKinley, of that State.

After the grilling dinner, which he will attend tomorrow night, Mr. Taft will leave for New York, where he will remain until Thursday, when he will start for Augusta, Ga.

FAVORS FREE TRADE

But Philippines Will Not Be Entirely on an Equal Footing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—Free trade with the Philippines was one of the most important matters discussed by the members of the Ways and Means Committee at yesterday's conference on tariff revision. While Mr. Taft favors free trade with the Philippine possessions, without any restrictions, it is understood that in order that there shall be no dissensions, he has agreed that the amount of sugar and tobacco which should be allowed entry free of duty should be restricted.

With this end in view, it is understood that a compromise by which 200,000 tons of sugar will be admitted from the Philippines annually free of duty, and that all sugar over that amount will pay a duty of 25 per cent, less than the duty imposed by the Dingley tariff on sugar from other countries.

When the duty rate of 25 per cent is fixed as a maximum limit for the free entry of trade has not yet been determined.

The Democrats are understood to be taking issue with the question of free trade with the Philippines.

GREAT WHITE PLAGUE

Knights of Pythias Will Establish Sanatorium to Fight It.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 11.—Dr. G. C. McLaughlin, president of the Knights of Pythias, announced today that it has been formally decided that a sanatorium will be erected in the city of Chicago, with the order shall be established in New Mexico.

Cottages and other buildings, when sufficient funds have been collected from members of the order, will be erected on a large tract of land near Las Vegas, donated for the cause by New Mexico lodge.

FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS

Effort to Check the Great Mortality Among the Negro Race.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., December 11.—An interesting feature of the annual convention of the Anti-Tuberculosis Congress to be held in Tuskegee, December 14th-19th, under the joint auspices of the Tuskegee Institute, of which Booker T. Washington is president, and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, is the fact that the congress will be attended by representative negro women and men from all parts of the country.

The object is to discuss means for checking the enormous mortality from consumption among the negro race.

RARE COLLECTION

Morgan Reported Purchaser of Art Treasures of Lord Amherst.

LONDON, December 11.—Big prices were realized at the sale by auction today of Lord Amherst's collection of tapestry, French furniture and enamels, being sold because of inroads made in his fortune by a dishonest attorney. The pick of the collection, eight panels of the tapestry, representing episodes of the military career of Louis XIV., brought \$65,000.

It is reported that the eight panels of tapestry were bought for a private collector, who is reported to be J. Pierpont Morgan.

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WEATHER.

Showers.

PROSECUTION IS GIVEN A BAD BLOW

John R. Hegeman, President of Metropolitan Life, Freed by Court.

JEROME EXPECTS TO APPEAL THE DECISION

Many Indictments Against Other Insurance Officials Are Based on Practically the Same Allegations of Facts—Court Says That Evidence Is Insufficient.

NEW YORK, December 11.—John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was freed by the court today in a decision that, if it stands, will serve to quash all indictments now standing against insurance officials, according to District Attorney Jerome, who, however, expects to take the present case to the Court of Appeals.

Mr. Hegeman was charged with perjury in the verification of a report made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York in January, 1906. The matter reached the appellate division of the Supreme Court through habeas corpus proceedings, and today that court sustained the writ and dismissed Hegeman from custody.

Evidence Insufficient.
The court, in its opinion, says that the evidence was insufficient to establish prima facie willful and deliberate perjury of Mr. Hegeman. On the contrary, there was enough to show satisfactorily that such willful and deliberate perjury had not been committed.

There are six indictments for forgery against George W. Perkins, formerly vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and several against Charles S. Fairchild, of the same company, based on practically the same allegations of facts in regard to the making of reports of the company's condition. There is one indictment for forgery against Robert A. Grannis, formerly vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, on the same ground.

BY ANKLE AND FINGER
Woman Seized for Half Mile and Was Landed Safely.

KINGSTON, N. Y., December 11.—The case of Mrs. Mary S. Roper, of Brooklyn, who, through becoming entangled in the ropes, made an involuntary balloon ascension at the fair of the Ulster County Agricultural Society in 1906, was begun in the Supreme Court today. She demands \$25,000 damages.

As the bag was released the trailing rope took a half twist about the complainant's ankle, and she found herself being pulled violently along the ground. In a desperate effort to free herself, a little finger was fortunately caught in a loop-tightening rope, suspended from the basket, and finger, suspended below the basket, Mrs. Roper, it is alleged, rose 400 feet in the air, and while other women fainted at the sight, sailed along for half a mile until the aeronaut, by skilful manœuvring, brought the balloon and its burden safely to the ground.

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TO KEEP HEADQUARTERS
Republicans to Maintain Office in Chicago and in Washington.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 11.—At a Chicago to-day between William Hayward, secretary of the Republican National Committee, and Fred W. Upjohn, assistant treasurer, it was decided to maintain permanent headquarters of the committee in Chicago.

It is planned to keep the record and other matters up to date to the end of the campaign, when the headquarters will be opened in Washington.

Poisoning Suspected.
WEST CHESTER, PA., December 11.—Two members of the family of George Van Horn, of Mendonville, Chester county, are dead, and three others are ill as the result of ptomaine poisoning, caused by sausage procured from a local grocery store.

John Van Horn, eight years old, died yesterday, and his sister, Mabel, sixteen years old, passed away last night. Both suffered intense agony. They were buried today.

Banker Sentenced.
MILWAUKEE, WIS., December 11.—John F. Schulte, aged thirty-eight, former paying teller of the First National Bank of Racine, was sentenced today to five years at Fort Leavenworth by Judge Quares. Schulte embezzled \$15,000, pleaded guilty and asked for leniency. Five years is the minimum penalty. Schulte was arrested at Cleveland on July 17.

Arrested on Accusation.
JACKSON, MISS., December 11.—Homer Smith was arrested today as an accessory to the killing of Dr. A. R. Pitts by Dr. Thomas Birdsong at Hazlehurst last night. It is alleged Smith loaned Dr. Birdsong a pistol with full knowledge that Dr. Birdsong intended to kill Dr. Pitts.

"JOHN THE BAPTIST"

Fanatic Runs Amuck in New Jersey Town and Terrorizes Village.

EDGEWATER, N. J., December 11.—Proclaiming himself "John the Baptist" to save the world, an armed fanatic wrought up to a high pitch of maniacal fury terrorized this village for a full hour late today, appearing suddenly on the main street waving a big revolver, exchanging many shots with citizens, and at last being wounded himself when brought to bay. In all the fusillade no one was hit but the maniac himself, and his wounds are not regarded as dangerous.

After he had been taken into custody the man said he was Oscar Pomeroy, of Nebraska, but that he had been an inmate of a private sanatorium in Stanford, Conn.

Men, women and children fled to shelter as the madman raved up and down the main thoroughfare, shouting and firing whenever a head appeared. The man was finally overpowered by a store and chasing out the clerk, rifled the money drawer. He seized a team and drove madly for a time, finally alighting and facing a handful of armed citizens. There was a lively exchange of shots, and the fanatic, topped with wounds in the forehead and cheek.

NEWS FROM FLEET

Two Men Fell Overboard, and Only One Was Recovered.

COLOMBO, CEYLON, December 12.—The following wireless dispatch has been received from the American Atlantic battleship fleet:

The fleet at 8 P. M., December 10th, was in latitude 5.25 north, longitude 88.15 east. Will arrive at Colombo at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Perfect weather. Speed, ten knots.

The Georgia left the fleet at 10 P. M. on December 10th, and arrived at Colombo at a speed of 14 knots, having on board a case of small-pox, which, however, is not serious. The health of the rest of the men of the fleet is excellent.

McDonald, a fireman, and McDonald, an electrician, of the battleship *New Jersey*, fell overboard the evening of December 8th, owing to a defective line. McDonald was rescued, but Stawicki was not recovered, although a thorough search was made for him.

"Otherwise the trip from Manila has been uneventful. There has been much tactical manœuvring daily."

WOMAN MURDERED

Found in Her Apartment in New York with Her Throat Cut.

NEW YORK, December 11.—The discovery tonight of the body of a woman with her throat cut from ear to ear, a week or more after the commission of the crime, and with no definite clue as to the identity of the murderer, threw the entire Italian quarter into a ferment, and the door of an apartment in East Eleventh Street, the body was found fully dressed, stretched upon the bed.

The story told by the janitress of the building is that a month ago the woman, accompanied by a tall man who represented himself as her husband, engaged rooms. She did not recall having seen the man save on the occasion of his first visit.

The woman with which the murder was committed, a razor was found under the woman's body.

MANY INDICTMENTS

Thirty-three Bills Returned Against Night Riders in Tennessee.

UNION CITY, TENN., December 11.—Thirty-three indictments were returned today by a special grand jury impaneled to investigate the recent night rider raids on the Rock Foot Lake region. Of this number, twenty charge murder, the lynching of Captain Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log, six allege participation in the burning of the wharves of J. C. Burdick, at Samburg, the other six charge a violation of the Ku Klux Klan act, a felonious assault, while in disguise, a capital offense.

The identity of those indicted was not disclosed. Preparation is making by the State and the defense for the trials on Monday of the alleged leaders of the band.

GETS GOOD JOB

Secretary of Treasury Offered Position as President of Trust Company.

NEW YORK, December 11.—It was stated here tonight, though not officially, that the presidency of the Union Trust Company had been offered to Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou. It was said Mr. Cortelyou would take several weeks to decide upon his answer.

MEMBERS INDIGNANT

House Adopts Resolution to Investigate President's Reference to Secret Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—The indignation of the members of the House of Representatives over the paragraph in the President's message relating to the secret service found expression today in a resolution offered by Mr. Perkins, Republican, of New York, providing for the appointment of a committee to consider the subject and report what action should be taken in connection with the matter.

The Resolution.
The resolution was as follows: "Whereas, there was contained in the sundry civil appropriation bill, which passed Congress at its last session and became a law, a provision in reference to the employment of the secret service in the Treasury Department, and

"Whereas, in the message of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress, it was stated in reference to that provision 'It is not too much to say that this amendment has been of such a character as to be of benefit only to the criminal classes, and it was further stated 'the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men, and it was further stated, 'but if this is not considered desirable a special exception could be made in the law, prohibiting the use of the secret service force in investigating members of Congress. It would be far better to do this than to do what actually was done, and strive to prevent, or at least to hamper, effective action against criminals by the executive branch of the government.' Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a committee of five members of Congress of this house be appointed by